



TOP Supports Historically Black Colleges

Over the history of the TOP program, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) have played an integral part in the development of the program. To date, five HBCU's have received grants totaling \$3,501,483. These projects are providing a variety of educational, cultural and employment and health services to African-American populations nationally.

In addition, representatives from HBCU's have played leadership roles in projects supported by other organizations in their communities. Through these partnerships, HBCU's provided technical expertise in many areas (as evaluators or technical oversight). In addition, staff from HBCU's have played a key role with TOP, as reviewers for the numerous proposals submitted to the program annually.

HBCU Projects supported by TOP include:

Benedict College, Columbia, SC

Implementing a two-way network between the College and community based educational centers in three predominantly African-American communities.

College Fund/UNCF, Fairfax, VA

To connect ten rural, historically black colleges and universities to the Internet and offer computer training courses to their students and faculty.



***Grambling State University** (Grambling, Louisiana), a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), is working with six Black churches in rural Louisiana to increase community residents' use of the Internet for health and educational purposes.*

Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

Louisiana Rural Internet Connection: To install networked computer labs in black churches as a means of reaching low-income African-American households in six rural parishes in north Louisiana.

North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC

Community Access to Technology: An intergenerational project to use a digital network in five public housing communities so school-aged youth, their parents, and their grandparents will have access to, and be tutored in the use of, applications software, Internet browsing, and email.